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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

1. (currently amended) A vented bag comprising:

a bag body having side walls defining a cavity therebetween for holding material therein and having an opening for accessing the cavity; and

a reclosable closure disposed at the bag opening and comprising extruded male and female interlocking profiles extending along opposing sides of the opening and constructed to releasably interlock, and a vent passage that provides fluid communication between an exterior atmosphere and the cavity, and an extruded valve flange selectively blocking fluid communication through the vent passage, the valve flange extending from one side of the closure to engage and releasably engaging an opposing surface of the closure when the profiles are interlocked;

wherein the flange and separates from the opposing surface constructed to separate in response to positive pressure in said cavity for venting the bag through the vent passage with the profiles interlocked.

2. (currently amended) The vented bag of claim 1 wherein the closure includes a first set of interlocking profiles on a cavity side of the valve flange and a second set of interlocking profiles on an opening side of the valve flange, wherein the vent passage extends through the first set of interlocking profiles.

3. (original) The vented bag of claim 1 wherein the valve flange has a non-sealing surface defining a groove extending into the flange along the length thereof, the groove defining a reduced bending stiffness region of the flange.